

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland
Monday, September 15, 2008**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting room on Monday, September 15, 2008 at the standing time of 7:10 o'clock p.m.

Roll Call: Dan Vassar, Brian Novak, Konnie Kuiper, and Bernie Zemen were present. Mark Herak, was absent owing to work. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Also present:

Peter T. Hojnicky, Metropolitan Police Chief; Kenneth Balon, Kenneth J. Mika, Building Commissioner; William Timmer, CFOD, Fire Chief; and Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

Tom Brown of Koester and Brown Insurance, was also present.

Dan Stombaugh, of the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners; and Ed Dabrowski of the Park and Recreation Board was also present.

Shawn Pettit, of LAMAR Outdoor Advertising, was also present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. Mr. Pettit of LAMAR offered a presentation regarding the desire of LAMAR to convert an existing located in Town to a new LED (digital) style. It was further noted that a use variance would likely need to permit this change and the advertising offsite. There exist four, two on the east side and two on the west side. LAMAR desires to remove two and maintain two with a lease with the Town. A lease of \$15,000 per year was proposed. The shortest term desired is ten years. It was noted that there would need to be follow-up with the Public Works Director.
2. The Town Council and the officials present discussed the enrolled proposed budgets for FY 2009. The Town Clerk-Treasurer offered an overview of the budget. The Town Clerk-Treasurer presented the current status of the proposed budget and offered suggestions for reconciling the budget imbalance.
3. Tom Brown also made a presentation regarding the trending in the municipal group health insurance plan. Mr. Brown noted that owing to our utilization rates running at 97%, there is a likely increase of 20% to annual premiums. The departments were instructed to submit at 12% increase. The discussion included following up with the Insurance & Benefits Committee.

There were no further discussions or any further matters before the Town Council. The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland of **Monday, September 15, 2008** was adjourned at 8:53 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer